

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a glycopeptide having at least one asparagine-linked oligosaccharide at a desired position of the peptide chain thereof, the process comprising:
 - (1) esterifying a hydroxyl group of a resin having the hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group of an amino acid having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group,
 - (2) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group,
 - (3) amidating the free amino group and a carboxyl group of an amino acid having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group,
 - (4) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group,
 - (5) repeating the steps (3) and (4) at lease once,
 - (6) preparing an asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or an asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group and the carboxyl group of the sialic acid protected with a benzyl, allyl, or diphenylmethyl group, wherein the benzyl, allyl, or diphenylmethyl group is introduced into the carboxyl group of the sialic acid under pH 5 to 6,

- (7) amidating the free amino group and a carboxyl group of the asparagine portion of [[an]] the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or [[an]] the asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group and the carboxyl group of the sialic acid protected with a benzyl, allyl, or diphenylmethyl group,
- (8) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group,
- (9) amidating the free amino group and a carboxyl group of an amino acid having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group,
- (10) repeating the steps (8) and (9) ~~(7)~~ and (8) at least once,
- (11) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group, and cutting off the resin with an acid.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The process for preparing a glycopeptide according to claim 1 wherein the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide of step (6) has at least sugar residues.

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The process for preparing a glycopeptide according to claim 1 wherein the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide of step (6) has 9 o 11 sugar residues.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The process for preparing a glycopeptide according to claim 1 wherein the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or asparagine-linked

monosialooligosaccharide of step (6) has attached thereto a bifurcated oligosaccharide having at least 6 sugar residues.

8- 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The process according to claim 1 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.

23. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The process according to claim 5 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.

24. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The process according to claim 6 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.

25. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The process according to claim 7 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.